

**Minutes of the
Idaho Nursery and Florists Advisory Committee Meeting
January 15, 2001
State House Inn, Boise, Idaho**

In Attendance:

Howard E. Hughes, Hughes Greenhouses, Post Falls, ID - Committee Chairman
Bill Dial, Sterling Landscape Co., Boise, ID - Committee Member
David Jenkins, Jenkins & Son Christmas Trees, Inc., Sandpoint, ID - Committee Member
Ann Bates, Idaho Nursery Association, Idaho Falls, ID – Guest
Michael E. Cooper, Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Kevin Glenn, Idagold Nursery, Caldwell, ID - Committee Member
Tom Kurtz, USDA, NASS, Boise, ID

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Introductions were made by all of the committee members and guests.

Agenda items for this meeting were briefly identified [Public Meeting Notice attached].

Old Business:

Members reviewed the minutes of the August 28, 2000 meeting. Bill Dial moved to approve the minutes, which was then seconded by Eric Madson and approved by the committee.

Mr. Tom Kurtz, with the USDA National Agricultural Statistic Services, was present to discuss "1999 Gross Value of Nursery Sales." The survey had been completed and published in the *2000 Idaho Agricultural Statistics Report*. The committee agreed at the August 28th meeting to fund this survey on an annual basis. There was considerable discussion about what categories should be included in the survey. It was suggested that Christmas trees be included, since there are several licensed nurseries that grow and sell Christmas trees. It was also suggested that the reporting categories be split between "Field Grown" and "Greenhouse." The general format would be as follows:

Field Grown

- Bare Root
- Balled and Burlapped
- Containers
- Sod
- Christmas Trees
- Other

Greenhouse Grown

- Houseplants
- Cut Flowers

Bedding Plants
Seedlings/Liners
Other

Mr. Kurtz said that he would fax copies of what Oregon and Washington include in their publications to the committee. After a quick review of the material it was decided that both of those reports were too complex and detailed for use in Idaho at the present time.

Review of year 2000 Grants - Final reports

1) Mr. Don Gerhardt, State Statistician, Grant #NAC/ISDA2000-3, "1999 Gross Value of Nursery Sales." The survey has been completed and was published in the *2000 Idaho Agricultural Statistics Report*. The final report was submitted. Motion to approve the report was made by Kevin Glenn and seconded by Eric Madson. The committee approved the motion.

2) Dr. Robert R. Tripepi, Grant #NAC/ISDA2000-2, "Production of Evergreen Shrubs in Paper Sludge-Amended Media." The Final report was not submitted on time and will have to be approved at a later date.

3) Dr. Dan Barney, Grant #NAC/ISDA2000-1, "Evaluation of Corkbark and SubAlpine Fir for Their Potential as Ornamental Nursery Stock and Christmas Trees." The final report was submitted. Motion to approve the report was made by Bill Dial and seconded by Dave Jenkins. The committee approved the motion.

4) Dr. J. D. Wulfhorst / Dr. R.G. Taylor, Grant #NAC/ISDA2000-4, "Economic Impact Analysis of Horticulture Industry in Idaho." An extension was granted for the submission of the final report due to added information requested by the advisory committee. The committee decided that the University of Idaho will curate the database created by the grant. This will include the names and addresses of the survey respondents and the information collected.

The status of the licensing of the farmers markets issue was brought up by Ann Bates. Mike Cooper told the group that ISDA Director, Pat Takasugi, had written a letter to the Idaho Nursery Association president, Bill Josey, outlining the Department's position on the situation. The Department had notified all of the Farmers Markets of their responsibility under the Nursery and Florists law. Ann Bates asked for a copy of that notification. Mike Cooper responded that he would have someone in the Marketing Division send a copy to her.

New Business:

The grant process was discussed and it was decided that a less cumbersome approach would be best. The requirement for a pre-proposal was dropped. A motion was made that call for proposals will be sent out by Sept. 1st of each year and proposals due in to the committee by December 1st of each year. Motion to approve was made by Kevin Glenn and seconded by Eric Madson. The committee approved the motion.

The committee discussed funding private researchers. Mike Cooper suggested that that would be dependent upon the resume of the individual. In most cases, funding could probably be worked out through a university system. There was further discussion regarding how to get the word out about the availability of grant funds. It was suggested that the "Call for Proposals" be sent to the various trade organizations and magazines and that the University of Idaho be contacted to see if there is a clearing house for such things.

2001 Grant Proposals:

- 1) "Evaluating a Gravel Bed System to Produce Conifer Seedling for Fall Transplanting"- Eric Madson moved to accept the proposal, Dave Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by the committee.
- 2) "Integrated Disease Management of Rhizoctonia in Rooting-Mist beds" – the author withdrew request.
- 3) "Evaluation of Corkbark and SubAlpine Fir for Their Potential as Ornamental Nursery Stock and Christmas Trees," request for continued funding – Dave Jenkins moved to accept the proposal, Kevin Glenn, seconded - The motion was approved by the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

ADDENDUM:

The Farmers Market notification was sent to Ann Bates the week of January 22, 2001.

The Format for the NASS Survey was finalized the week of February 2, 2001

Dr. Tripepi's final report was received on January 16, 2001 a copy is attached.